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1 Three Iranian-Americans left Tehran on Sunday under a prisoner swap. A U.S. official said a Swiss plane had left carrying Jason Rezaian, the Washington Post's Tehran bureau chief, Saeed Abedini, a pastor from Idaho and Amir Hekmati, a former Marine from Flint, Michigan, as well as some family members. REUTERS

2 KILLED IN FLA. STORMS

2 Two people were killed and several injured in Florida overnight when severe storms gusted in from the Gulf of Mexico, bringing reports of tornado sightings, the National Weather Service said on Sunday. At least one child was among those injured at a mobile home in Duette, Florida, about an hour south of Tampa, from what appeared to be tornado-force winds, said John McMichael, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Tampa office. REUTERS

CHICAGO COPS TO TESTIFY

3 Nearly two-dozen Chicago police officers have been subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the fatal shooting of a black teenager by a white police officer in October 2014. The shooting death of Laquan McDonald, 17, sparked a wave of protests and calls for Mayor Rahm Emanuel's resignation. REUTERS

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOMELESS SHELTER FATAL SHOOTING

7 The Station House homeless shelter on North Broad Street was the site of a fatal shooting early Sunday morning, after a man who was evicted from the shelter returned and opened fire, killing one man and injuring another, before escaping down railroad tracks behind the building in North Philadelphia.

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MURDER ARREST

4 One of the suspects wanted for a 21-year-old man's Thanksgiving Day murder was arrested over the weekend, police said, but the hunt for his accomplice continues. Ryan Kelly, 21, of Port Richmond, was shot to death while walking home from Wawa on Thanksgiving Day around 5 a.m. in a botched robbery attempt by two men, police said. SAM NEWHOUSE

OBAMA WAGE INSURANCE

5 President Barack Obama laid out a plan to help support the income of workers who lose their jobs and end up in lower-paying positions, as part of a push to get unemployed Americans back to work. The proposal would offer experienced workers who now make less than $50,000 a form of wage insurance, allowing them to replace half of their lost pay. The benefit would cover up to $10,000 over two years. The wage insurance proposal will be included in a broader effort to overhaul the unemployment insurance system. REUTERS

AFGHAN SUICIDE BOMBER

6 A suicide bomber killed 13 people in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad on Sunday at the home of a tribal elder when people had gathered to celebrate his son's release from Taliban captivity, local officials said. The son was killed and at least 14 people, including his father, were wounded in the attack. REUTERS

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. GETTY IMAGES

Where to volunteer on MLK Day 2016

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is one of Philadelphia's most popular days of service.

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Today the city of Philadelphia celebrates the memory of civil-rights legend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

King — who would have been 86 this year — will be honored with the region's largest day of service.

Read on for how to volunteer this MLK Day and pay tribute to King's legacy.

Festivities start early. By 7:30 a.m., volunteers at Reading Terminal will be preparing 2,500 lunches for MLK 365 — which will actually be used to feed the hundreds of volunteers participating in a Day of Service at Girard College.

"All of the merchants involved have been very generous with their donations and our staff is contributing their time on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to help prepare the donated food," said Anuj Gupta, general manager of the Reading Terminal Market.

The 21st Annual Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service will kick off at Girard College at 9 a.m., with Mayor Jim Kenney, Gov. Tom Wolf and Sen. Bob Casey all attending and participating in sorting and packing clothing donations for low-income and unemployed men and women who are seeking employment.

All day long, the Please Touch Museum will be providing service opportunities for kids who want to make get-well cards for patients at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and free hip-hop concerts on MLK Day. The African-American Museum in Philadelphia is offering $2 tickets and free entry for groups all day.

At the National Constitution Center, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will host pillow- and quilt-making volunteer activities, have free performances and serve as a drop-off site for donations.

The NAACP and Philadelphia Black Clergy will be hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Bright Hope Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m.

At noon, there will be a ceremonial ringing of Philadelphia's prized Liberty Bell. Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow Coretta Scott King believed MLK Day should "commence each year at noon with the ringing of The Liberty Bell, a symbol of freedom, justice and equality," according to Mayor Kenney's office.

At 5:30 p.m., POWER, an interfaith social justice group, will hold a prayer service in King's honor in the City Hall courtyard.

All city offices will be closed. That includes the Free Library, all Parks & Recreation facilities, and all courts, except for arraignment court. All trash pick-up is canceled Monday and the rest of the week's schedule will be delayed by one day.

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Old DA's deal snarls Cosby case

A hearing on criminal charges against Bill Cosby will include testimony from former Montco DA Bruce Castor on a 2005 "non-prosecution agreement."

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Bill Cosby GETTY IMAGES

The newest wrinkle to the Bill Cosby saga is one that could bring the entire criminal case against the 78-year-old entertainer toppling down.

Lawyers will argue at Cosby's Feb. 2 hearing whether an agreement between Cosby and former Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor that the office would not prosecute must be honored by current DA Kevin Steele.

Steele doesn't think the agreement was valid, telling CNN, "There is a specific legal method to grant immunity. That was not done in 2005."

Cosby's lawyers said in a court filing to dismiss the case that he only testified in a deposition for a lawsuit filed by alleged victim Andrea Constand without invoking his Fifth Amendment rights to non-self-incrimination because of the non-prosecution agreement with Castor.

"The commonwealth, through then-District Attorney Bruce Castor, promised in 2005 that Mr. Cosby would not be charged in connection with these allegations, in exchange for Mr. Cosby giving testimony in the complainant's civil case against him," states a motion by Cosby's lawyers to dismiss the charges against him.

Castor's successor, Steele, "not only breached the agreement, but in the probable cause affidavit is using the very testimony Mr. Cosby provided in reliance on that agreement against him as a basis for the charges," the motion states.

Steele has acknowledged the criminal complaint charging Cosby with aggravated indecent assault is based heavily on that deposition, which was unsealed in federal court in July after requests by the Associated Press.

> *"The general rule is that off-the-record promises between attorneys are not enforceable."*
> Cerbin

Castor also reportedly emailed the office of Steele's immediate predecessor, DA Risa Vetri Ferman, to remind her of his agreement with Cosby.

But there is no version of this agreement on the record. It appears to have been an oral agreement between Castor and Cosby's old attorney, Walter M. Phillips, who died in February 2015.

Defense attorneys said such an agreement would be unenforceable.

"Nothing 'off the record' binds a prosecution office, especially when the leadership changes and the new chief can't be accused of unethical backtracking," said Ephraim Savitt, a New York defense lawyer. "What a good defense attorney should do is to get the DA to commit to no prosecution in writing. … That was not done here, so it's open season on ex-Dr. Huxtable."

Without a letter or email memorializing the agreement, much less a formal on-the-record agreement, any deal with Castor won't hold up in court, Savitt opined.

"Formal transactional immunity from prosecution … would have been needed for giving the Coz a complete pass forever, at least from state prosecution," he said.

Other lawyers said the question is difficult and may need to go to a higher court, potentially delaying 78-year-old Cosby's trial even longer.

"The general rule is that off-the-record promises between attorneys are not enforceable," New York defense lawyer Scott Cerbin said via email. "I think the answer is, at best, unclear and the issue may have to be decided in the appellate courts."

At any rate, Castor, who recently deleted his social media accounts after being intensively questioned about his handling of the Cosby case, is standing by the agreement, will testify to the agreement at Cosby's Feb. 2 hearing on the defense's motion to dismiss.

Cosby's preliminary hearing, at which prosecutors need to make out a prima facie case to get the charges held for trial, remains to be rescheduled.

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POLAR PLUNGE, LATE-WEEK SNOWSTORM?

If you have been following my timeframes to watch for potential significant winter weather, this week was the one to watch.

So far it has come to fruition as you head off to work this morning, your teeth chattering and either just brushing off some snow and in some cases actually using the shovel — I'm talking to you, Boston, especially along the capes.

Philadelphia got to see its first accumulation of snow across sections of southern New Jersey and Delaware.

Across the east end, Long Island got some blowback of light snow as a rather intense ocean storm has passed well off the northeast coast with its main impact being felt across the capes of New England.

Today from Philadelphia to NYC to Boston, a truly frigid air mass is taking hold, with bone-chilling winds, snow flurries and snow showers. The wind speeds will increase today and be downright fierce through Tuesday as wind gusts exceed 40 mph. This combined with readings falling into the teens tonight will send wind chill factors crashing down to below zero by Tuesday morning.

Tuesday's maximum-high temperatures will remain generally in the mid-20s, making it the coldest day of the year to date. This entire week will remain on the cold side, making it our first real stretch of real winter weather. My long-range winter forecast, out in early November, targeted this week to be the start of winter. Hey, you know we have to gloat once in awhile when we get it right.

One of my other long-range targets was right around Jan. 22 for a potential Nor'easter, and as of right now it's still in play.

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Computer models pretty much all agree that a coastal storm will be somewhere near the Carolina coastline by early Friday morning, then intensify and move generally northeast with cold air in place. However, the exact placement, track and intensity is still very much uncertain.

The European model is taking it more off the coastline than other computer models, and the Euro has a pretty good track record, but even the Euro has been jumping around with its placement.

The global ensemble model has been showing a significantly more northward movement, which in turn would lead to quite a bit of snow for some, but I'm not going to play the "how many inches game" yet, as it's still quite early.

Time frame to watch:

This Friday into Saturday lies the potential for a coastal storm from the Carolinas to New England, which would fall mainly as snow, but as always, adjustments would be needed for rain/snow lines if the storm does eventually pose a threat for the Northeast. But this is the first legitimate shot this winter for a snowstorm.

Philadelphia: Well, we finally had some snow this winter season as parts of southern New Jersey and Delaware actually had a light accumulation. The ocean storm that brushed the region is well out to sea now and in its wake is a frigid blast.

Today your eyes will tear and your face will sting as winds howl as some flurries and snow showers fly, especially across the 'burbs to the north and west. The Poconos should get to see some naturally accumulating snow today and tomorrow as lake effect snow showers should make it into the Poconos. Snowmaking all week long. Tuesday will be the coldest day of the year to date, and wind chill factors on Tuesday morning will hover around zero.

A potential snow storm threat continues for Friday into early Saturday. Models have been jumping quite abruptly last few runs, so confidence factor runs quite low in the eventual development, intensity and track of this coastal. This I do know: By early Friday morning a coastal storm will be deepening somewhere along the Carolinas. Will it bring us our first snowstorm of the season? The answer, my friend, is still blowin' in the wind.

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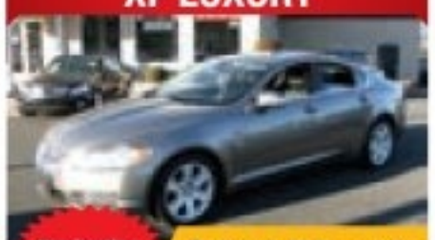
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Meet your five new members

What they plan to do now that they're in office.

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Introducing five new faces of Philadelphia City Council — each with their own unique past.

Let's start with the one probably previously most removed from public service, real estate mogul Allan Domb.

Domb, now a Democratic at-large member, oversees dozens of towers in town as a real estate developer, investor and broker. He founded Allan Domb Real Estate nearly two decades ago and his empire spans from river to river and beyond.

Now, his vision for Philadelphia is to bring his smart business sense to government. Philadelphia is the most tax-delinquent city in the country, said Domb — with an uncollected debt of $1.8 billion.

"What I'm trying to do is bring to the city those things that business already understands," he said.

"Our goal is to expand the base of the city and help the 400,000 people in poverty get better income, better jobs and better wages."

Al Taubenberger

Domb is donating his entire $127,000 City Council salary to the city's beleaguered school district, so it's easy to believe he's "not doing this for the money."

"I'm not doing this to get re-elected. I'm doing this so the city gets better, that's all. I hope more people like myself, who are in business, step up to the plate and do the same thing."

Republican Al Taubenberger was president of the Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce for a quarter of a century, and ran for elected office several times, never succeeding until this most recent race for an at-large seat on City Council.

"When I was at the chamber of commerce, I had some frustrations. I saw city government operate — constantly [talking] about raising taxes, always the need for more money as opposed to 'hey, maybe we need to take a look at this program and see if it's really meeting the [people's] needs," said Taubenberger.

Having more than two decades with the chamber of commerce, Taubenberger said he's focused on making the city more business-friendly.

"Everybody has to have the opportunity to have a job in every zip code in this city. We want businesses to grow and prosper and to stay in the city of Philadelphia, and they have not always," he said.

A former school teacher, Helen Gym has been active in immigrant communities for years, and a lot of her work has been geared toward connecting those who don't have an inside track to

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power.

"We have to organize, be visible, make our voices heard and really drive narratives to tackle tough issues to engage the public — that's the essence of what it means to be political," said Gym.

Asked what drove her to run for an at-large seat on City Council, she said it was the city's decision to close 24 public schools in 2013.

"It was a wake-up call for me to move from community-based politics to electoral politics," she said.

As for legislation she plans to push. Gym, a Democrat, said she plans to champion school funding issues.

"It's important to me that everybody does a heavy lift. … I'm about ending poverty, being inclusive … and making all public schools the visions they were supposed to be."

Having worked under Councilwoman Marian Tasco until she retired at the end of her term in January, now Derek Green is filling an at-large seat, leaving William Greenlee, David Oh and Blondell Reynolds Brown as the only remaining veteran at-large members.

A Democrat, Green has spent much time in City Hall, both as a staffer for Tasco and on various campaigns before that. He's also worked in the private sector as a small business lender for Meridian Bank in North Philly, as well as in the District Attorney's Office and in the law department.

"I sometimes call myself a private-sector guy that's been in the public sector world for a period of time," said Green.

Green plans to espouse issues relating to small business, education, and special-needs students, as he has a son who falls on the autism spectrum.

"For my time in Council, I want to promote the city for it can be and what it should be," he said.

Perhaps the longest-serving public servant is Cherelle Parker, who didn't take a single day off between leaving Harrisburg as a Democratic state representative and being sworn in to City Council last week. She replaced Tasco in the 9th District, which represents parts of Fern Rock, Mount Airy and Olney.

Parker said she was only 17 when she started off an intern for then-councilwoman Augusta Clark, who introduced her to Tasco and put her to work in the West Oak Lane community.

"This has really come full circle for me," Parker said.

"I viewed it as another way to serve," she said of moving from the state House to the city.

She, like her colleagues, cited public education as a priority.

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Marine from Philly identified among missing in Hawaii crash

Among the missing are Capt. Brian Kennedy, 31, of Philadelphia and Sgt. Adam Schoeller, 25, of Gardners, Pennsylvania

The U.S. Marines Corps released the identities of 12 Marines missing at sea after two helicopters collided near the island of Oahu in Hawaii on Thursday night.

The search for the missing Marines continued off the North Shore of Oahu for a second day, with the Coast Guard and partner agencies expanding their search from Waianae to Kahuku off Oahu, and extending out to sea eight miles, the Coast Guard said.

"We'd like to reiterate to the public to use caution along the north and west shores of Oahu as the search continues. Debris should be treated as hazardous material," said Lt. Scott Carr, Coast Guard 14th District public affairs officer.

Among the missing were Maj. Shawn Campbell, 41, of College Station, Texas, Capt. Brian Kennedy, 31, of Philadelphia, Capt. Kevin Roche, 30, of St. Louis, Capt. Steven Torbert, 29, of Florence, Alabama, Sgt. Dillon Semolina, 24, of Chaska, Minnesota, and Sgt. Adam Schoeller, 25, of Gardners, Pennsylvania, the Marines Corps said.

Also missing were Sgt. Jeffrey Sempler, 22, of Woodruff, South Carolina, Sgt. William Turner, 25, Florala, Alabama, Cpl. Matthew Drown, 23, from Spring, Texas, Cpl. Thomas Jardas, 22, of Fort Myers, Florida, Cpl. Christopher Orlando, 23, of Hingham, Massachusetts and Lance Cpl. Ty Hart, 21, from Aumsville, Oregon.

A U.S. Marines CH-53E helicopter GETTY IMAGES

High waves and poor visibility continued to hamper the search.

The CH-53E helicopters, belonging to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from the Marine Corps Air Station at Kaneohe Bay, were on a routine training mission when they were reported to have collided just before midnight local time.

The Coast Guard said debris had been seen through the entire area of the accident site. A Coast Guard helicopter crew earlier in the search spotted debris in the water off the town of Haleiwa on the north shore of Oahu, but did not find passengers.

No distress call was issued by either aircraft. Authorities were notified by a man standing on the beach who saw a fireball over the ocean after seeing the helicopters flying in that area.

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"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Marines and their families as we continue search and rescue efforts." Marines

BRIEF

Arkansas governor wants Civil War icon separated from MLK holiday

U.S. civil rights hero Martin Luther King Jr. and Civil War Confederate commander General Robert E. Lee will share a common holiday on Monday in three southern states, but perhaps for the final time in one of them, Arkansas.

The state's Republican governor is pushing to separate the joint celebration after critics said it is an insult for the man who fought to end racial segregation to share a day with a man who fought to preserve slavery.

"They need to be distinguished and separate," Gov. Asa Hutchinson told a news conference this month about the remembrances.

Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama for years have observed a joint holiday for King and Lee, whose birthdays are just four days apart.

Arkansas in the 1940s set up a day in mid-January to honor Lee and created a holiday for King in 1983. Two years after that, it combined the two for a joint day marked on the third Monday in January.

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Obama declares emergency in Michigan over bad water

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Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder had asked the president to declare both an emergency and an expedited major disaster in Genesee County to protect the safety of Flint residents.

Obama is authorizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief efforts there, the White House said in a statement.

The action is being taken to "lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in Genesee County," it said.

Snyder sent the Michigan National Guard to distribute bottled water and other supplies in the area earlier this week.

A financially struggling city, Flint was under control of a state-appointed emergency manager when it switched its source of tap water from Detroit's system to the nearby Flint River in April 2014 to save money.

Flint, which is about 60 miles northwest of Detroit, returned to using that city's water in October after tests found elevated levels of lead in the water and in the blood of some children.

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Michigan National Guard Staff Sgt. William Phillips (right) of Birch Run, Michigan, helps a worker unload a pallet of bottled water at a fire station in Flint, Michigan. GETTY IMAGES

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How Blake got Gwen back on 'The Voice'

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Good news, "Voice" fans. Gwen Stefani will be back on the show for the upcoming season after all — just as a mentor instead of as a judge. And who do we have to thank for her return? Boyfriend Blake Shelton, who allegedly "threw a huge hissy-fit after Gwen was replaced by Christina [Aguilera'," a source tells Radar Online. "He told them that he was considering leaving if they didn't bring her back. Bosses working on the show were really left with no other choice." Not surprisingly, Stefani will be serving as a mentor for Shelton's team, though it's unclear how much advice she'll have for the more country-friendly contestants. But hey, there are worse ways to finagle some on-the-clock time with your boyfriend.

Chris Rock calls out #OscarsSoWhite

As soon as the Academy Award nominations were announced last week, critics took notice of the suspicious lack of racial diversity, launching the pointed hashtag #OscarsSoWhite. Super awkward, right? Well, Oscars host Chris Rock isn't afraid of awkward. In a Twitter post for a video promoting the show, Rock slipped in a caption calling the Oscars "the White BET Awards." Ouch.

Not everyone is feeling jokey about the issue, though. Also on Twitter, Jada Pinkett Smith raised the idea of boycotting the show altogether. "At the Oscars, people of color are always welcomed to give out awards, even entertain," she wrote. "But we are rarely recognized for our artistic accomplishments. Should people of color refrain from participating all together? People can only treat us in the way in which we allow." This might be a good time to also point out that "Magic Mike XXL" was shut out from the Oscar nominations, which is also just plain wrong.

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Not so fast with that whole 'Friends' reunion

David Schwimmer is here to rain all over your "Friends" reunion parade, sitcom fans. Excitement quickly spread after NBC announced the cast of the hit show would be getting back together for an upcoming special honoring TV director James Burrows, but Schwimmer doesn't want you to expect too much from them. "There's no 'Friends' reunion," he corrected a reporter who asked about the event. "It's a tribute to Jimmy Burrows, who we love, and I'm just thrilled to be a part of it. As many of us that can be there will be there." Oh yeah, about that last part: Matthew Perry won't be able to attend, which is bumming Schwimmer out. "Sure I'm sad, but I'm happy for him, he's doing a play in London and it's thrilling," he tells E! News. So, just so we're clear: The reunion is not actually a reunion, and the whole cast won't actually be there anyway. Why were we excited again?

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Miami Horror brings sunny sounds Stateside

Frontman Benjamin Plant tells us about the new album, plus the secret to avoiding a band breakup.

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It took Australian electronica band Miami Horror more than five years to release a follow-up to their buzzy debut album "Illumination," but the five members were by no means taking it easy. The album was so successful that they've been touring nonstop as well as working on various side projects such as bands Wunder Wunder and All The Colors.

"When we got back in the studio we tried so hard to make something that didn't sound plain, says frontman Benjamin Plant, 28 about their sophomore release, "All Possible Futures," which is full of synthy-pop hooks. Here the singer talks L.A. vs. Melbourne and how to keep the band together.

Is the music scene in Australia really different from here in the States?

[Music fans] are a bit more loyal in America. In Australia, there's always a new sound, which can be a good thing, but there's a high turnover of young artists, so that can kind of be a bad thing. Sometimes you see music that's really good and the band gets a lot of hype, but then it drops.

You recorded the album in Melbourne as well as Los Angeles. Did that influence the sound at all?

Yeah. Melbourne kept us pretty cool since, like I mentioned, the music scene there makes you want to stay relevant, whereas L.A. was more of a dreamy fantasyland that we let impact the music.

You went to film school before starting Miami Horror. Does that come in handy?

It helps with the story element of music, thinking about the bigger picture and the concept of an album as opposed to just a song.

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How have your friendships with the other guys in the band changed over time?

Being in a band is a really weird thing. Back when we started, there were tensions and attitudes with some people. Now, it's the complete opposite. We spend a lot of time listening to each other and compromising. Normally, you wouldn't be friends with people you have a lot of differences with, but in a band, you have to stay together so it's important to get through periods of conflict. If you can get through that and realize how important the band and the project is, it makes you a better person and you're also able to deliver music to fans.

Miami Horror's album "All Possible Futures" is out now. DYLAN REYES

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Jess Glynne's really big lesson

The 26-year-old British singer-songwriter is looking for depth in dance music.

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Glynne performing at Roundhouse in London in November 2015. GETTY IMAGES

Jess Glynne is having a very surreal year.

In fact: "It's very surreal, very, very, very surreal," Glynne, 26, says.

In just the past four months, the British singer-songwriter has released her stateside debut, "I Cry When I Laugh," broken the Billboard Hot 100 and watched that very same album go double platinum in her homeland.

"To enter 2016 with a double platinum is probably one of the best things anyone could wish for."

She also took home a 2015 Grammy for her single with Clean Bandit, "Rather Be," and racked up hundreds of millions of YouTube views with powerful, soulful dance anthems.

But more importantly, she's a member of the vanguard of young women rewriting and reshaping the pop landscape. Weaving narrative as strong as her singing voice, Glynne's "I Cry" makes a bold declaration that dance music and song craft don't have to be mutually exclusive, a lesson she learned through trial and error.

"When I was young and getting really into music, I would listen to my parents' cassettes," she says. "If I listened to a Mariah Carey song, I'd break it down, see where it rhymed and what went where and then write my own version."

"I tried out so many different genres and different sounds. You develop a sound and a thing that you want to be *the thing*."

As it's turned out, Glynne's "thing" is an encapsulation of R&B's influence on dance culture, a dynamic intersection of soul, gospel and house. But big records require the support of big production teams and big names, and Glynne had to learn to loosen the reins and cede some control of her songs to her collaborators.

"[Clean Bandit's] 'Rather Be' was a really big lesson for me," says Glynne. "Originally I was against doing it, [but] it actually changed my view on singing someone else's songs."

As result, "I Cry When I Laugh," out last August from Atlantic, is an album of rich, dynamic interplay between music and musicians. Standouts include her fifth No. 1 single, "Don't Be So Hard on Yourself," and "Saddest Vanilla," a collaboration with Scottish rock-soul singer Emeli Sande.

When asked for advice for young women with dreams of songwriting, Glynne doesn't hesitate for a moment:

"Just get to it. Listen to songs, listen to your favorite songs, listen to how they are, how they're structured and to the stories being told," she says. "Take guidance from that, take notes."

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Something to look forward to: A Chinese lantern festival will light up Franklin Square this spring.

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The festival will include 25 colorful displays in a collaboration with Sichuan Tianyu Cultural Transmission Co. SICHUAN TIANYU

Two hundred feet isn't that long if you're talking about, say, a lunchtime stroll, or how much time you have before GPS says "turn left!" But when you're using "200 feet" to describe a dragon, that's a whole different story.

As part of its 10-year anniversary celebration, Franklin Square is hosting the first Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival this spring. The seven-week fest, running April 22 to June 12, will feature 25 oversized lit-up displays — including a 200-foot Chinese dragon and a three-story pagoda — created by artisans in China specifically for the event and sent by ship to Philly.

Along with the colorful LED light installations, there will be live performances, artisans making and selling crafts and — the staple of all good festivals — food.

And yes, Historic Philadelphia knows that a lantern festival is traditionally held on the 15th day of the first month in the lunar calendar, which is Feb. 15 this year, but since no one wants to spend the evening outdoors in mid-February here, this fest will happen during warmer weather.

During the festival, Franklin Square will be open to the public as usual during the day, but tickets will be required after 6 p.m. The ticket price hasn't been set yet. Check HistoricPhiladelphia.org for updates as it gets closer.

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Dakota Fanning: I'm not a snob

The actress will do big films and small films, like the new drama "The Benefactor."

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You're officially old: Dakota Fanning is playing pregnant women now. In "The Benefactor" the onetime child star, now 21, stars as young Olivia, who reconnects with the wealthy but troubled man (Richard Gere) who was responsible for the accidental death of her parents (Cheryl Hines and Dylan Baker).

"The stomach was weighted, so you felt some semblance of what it feels like to have something that's not normal on your body," Fanning tells us. "But if I said I totally know what it's like to be pregnant now, they would say, 'No, you don't,' and they would be right."

Fanning has been doing a string of indies of late, including "The Last of Robin Hood" and "Effie." But this career move hasn't been on purpose.

"I've never planned anything. It's always been on a case-by-case basis," she says of her career. She'll happily do a big budget film, long as she likes the role and the people. "I'm not a snob. I don't really know how to do anything else."

Fanning is reluctant to make any "sweeping statements" about Hollywood's treatment of women today, except to offer that it's getting better but still has issues. She says she'd like to one day get into producing, and maybe even directing.

"As an actor, sometimes you have to wait for other people to believe in you, to choose you," she says. "Sometimes you don't want to wait for that. Sometimes you already know something about yourself that other people don't know."

One thing Fanning is sure of is living in New York over Los Angeles.

"When you're an actor your life is consumed by what you do," Fanning explains. "But you also have to have boundaries. Where I choose to live is about what makes Dakota happy, not what's best for my career. I think about that enough."

Dakota Fanning plays a young pregnant woman dealing with an old family friend (Richard Gere) in "The Benefactor." SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS

Dakota, academic

Fanning goes to NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study, working on a major of her own devising that she describes as basically cinema studies but with an emphasis on women and gender. She did an independent study on Hollywood films of the 1930s and '40s, which was a strong time for female roles.

"The female characters were so complicated and not always likable," Fanning explains. "They were vulnerable and mean and nice and feminine and not feminine. They were fully developed characters. They were allowed to not always be The Girl or be sexy or beautiful or nice. They were allowed to be normal."

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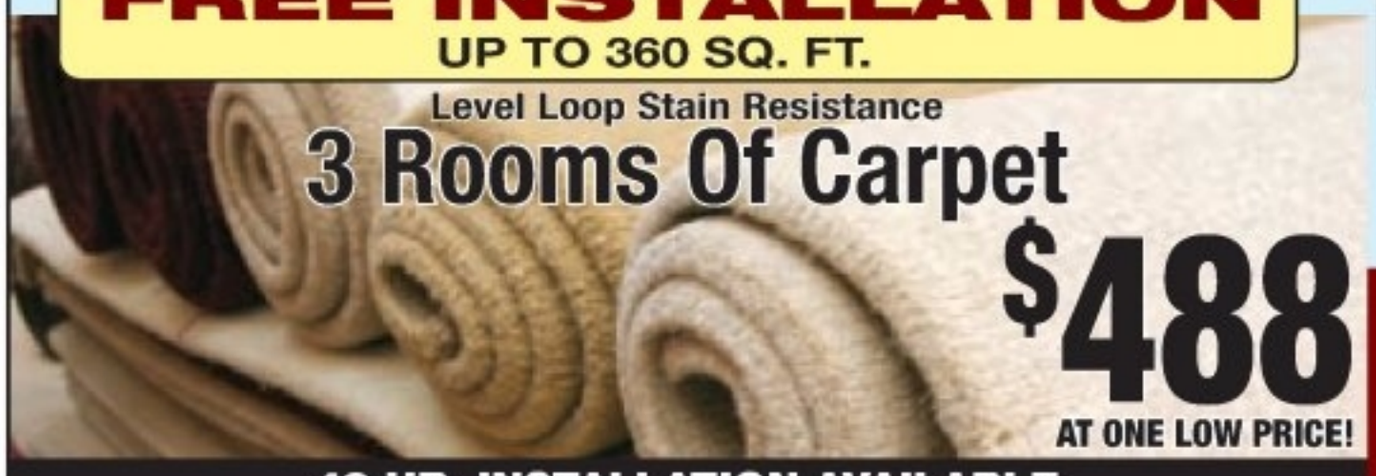

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Take an active role

Network by joining committees within bar associations and volunteering at events. "This way other attorneys will not only know your name, but will know you as a driven new lawyer who can be trusted with responsibility," says Rauchway Sverdlov.

Be open to different paths

You may have had dreams of yelling "objection!" in a crowded court room since you were a kid, but "pursue a variety of positions and work to get exposure," says Randal Jeffrey, director of the general legal services unit at New York Legal Assistance Group, which offers free legal aid to New Yorkers who can't afford privates attorneys.

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Can 76ers' Holmes be building block?

Another rookie is vying for playing time on the Sixers' youthful roster.

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Richaun Holmes arrives at each game not knowing if he'll play.

He still prepares the same way.

The 6-foot-10 rookie from Bowling Green has been a pleasant surprise for the Sixers. Selected with the 37th overall pick in the 2015 NBA Draft, Holmes has given the Sixers a spark whenever his number has been called.

Holmes had appeared in 29 games and averaged 6.0 points per game heading into Saturday night's game against the Portland Trail Blazers. Holmes then showed why the Sixers took a chance on him, as he scored 17 points, one shy of tying a career high, to go along with six rebounds in a 114-89 win.

So there is plenty to be excited about in an otherwise challenging season for the Sixers. This is definitely a player the Sixers (5-37) can utilize in the future.

"I think it starts because he's a good screener," Sixers coach Brett Brown said of Holmes. "He's a committed screener and he's not afraid to hit people. That's one of the areas where we continue to work with Jahlil [Okafor] on to be a better screen setter. I think Richaun is an example of someone who played college basketball a lot longer than most of the guys we have. … He hits people and sets screens and I think he can step out and shoot a three. He's a committed roller and he's a good pick-and-roller for being so young."

Playing time has been scarce for Holmes.

From one game to the next, Holmes can't predict how many — if any — minutes he'll receive. Then came 27 minutes and major production against Portland.

Richaun Holmes is making a strong case for more playing time. GETTY IMAGES

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THE 76ERS EARNED WIN NO. 5 OF THE SEASON THIS WEEKEND AND WILL GO FOR NO. 6 MONDAY (1 P.M. ON CSN) IN NEW YORK.

"I'm learning something new every day and I'm blessed to be here," the soft-spoken Holmes said last week. "As I get more minutes, I will continue to pick more things up. This whole season has been a learning experience and it has been great. Getting used to the speed and physical nature of the league took some time. Wherever I'm needed to play, that's what I'll do."

Holmes isn't like most rookies since he picked up three years of much-needed experience at Bowling Green. He was named the Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-MAC as a senior.

Holmes left the program as its all-time leader in blocks with 244. He became the first player in school history to register at least 1,000 points, 600 rebounds and 200 blocked shots.

Competing in the NBA is much tougher. Through the first half of the season, Holmes has proven that he can contribute.

"I feel like the sky is the limit for me," Holmes said. "It's been a season of learning and listening. When my number is called, I want to play hard and play well. I'm having fun, but at the same time, I'm not satisfied at all. I know there's a long way to go. I'm hoping the future will be here since this is where I'm starting out. I'm picking things up every single day. I feel like my overall game is expanding. My teammates have been so supportive, and that makes the journey more enjoyable."

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History suggests Kelly will have more success in second NFL job

NFL head coaches have had much more success with their second teams.

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Chip Kelly was hired to coach the 49ers Thursday in a move that does not surprise many. He'll bring his unique, fast-paced approach to Northern California and also implement his sports science regime.

Kelly went 26-21 in three seasons with the Eagles and left a lasting mark on the franchise, as he completely overhauled the roster before he left. Will the head coach succeed more on his second stint in the NFL? Many recent coaches who have changed the game had more success with their second stop. Take a look:

Turning around the lowly 49ers will be a true challenge for Chip Kelly. GETTY IMAGES

Bill Belichick (Browns head coach 1991-95, Patriots head coach 2000-present): While a young Belichick had minimal success in Cleveland during the early 1990s, a lot of the credit for the Ravens Super Bowl run in the years after he left the team (and when they moved to Baltimore). His innovative ideas and knack for scouting helped the Patriots compete for Super Bowl titles for 15 years.

Tom Coughlin (Jaguars head coach 1995-2002, Giants head coach 2004-2015): As the Jaguars coach, Coughlin had a little success down south in Florida but really broke through as an old-school coach when he took over the Giants, who he led to two Super Bowl titles.

Pete Carroll (Jets head coach 1994, Patriots head coach 1997-1999, Seahawks head coach 2010-present): Carroll technically broke through in his third NFL destination, but similar to Kelly, he came from success in college and struggled early in the NFL. He led the Seahawks to back-to-back Super Bowls including a title in 2014 and is gunning for a third.

Several other head coaches have made it to, or won Super Bowls in their second-go-arounds, like Marv Levy with the Bills in the 1990s, Tony Dungy, who won a title in 2007 with the Colts, Jon Gruden with the Buccaneers in 2003, Mike Shanahan with the Broncos in the 1990s and Mike Holmgren in 2006, among several others.

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Who's in running to be next Eagles' coordinators?

Who will Doug Pederson bring in when he is hired as the 23rd Eagles head coach?

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The Eagles have their man (for better or for worse) in Doug Pederson, who will officially be offered and accept the head coaching job at some point this coming week.

A rookie head coach (and offensive coordinator of the Chiefs), Pederson's success in Philly next season will be dependent in large part on who he surrounds himself with staff-wise.

A few decisions have already trickled down the rumor mill, like the fact that defensive backs coach Cory Undlin will return and bring with him Tim Hauck — one of Pederson's teammates with the Eagles as a player in the late 1990s. They also are hiring college coach Ken Flajole in some capacity as well.

The most important positions are still wide open, offensive and defensive coordinator. Here's a look at some of the possible candidates for each:

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Among a slew of others, Jim Schwartz's name has been circulating as a possible defensive coordinator for 2016. GETTY IMAGES

Steve Spagnuolo
(Giants defensive coordinator)

The Giants can block this move if new head coach Ben McAdoo wants him to stay, but Les Bowen and Marcus Hayes of the Philadelphia Daily News have each reported that Pederson wants Spags. In fact, they say he is Pederson's top choice. Spagnuolo and Pederson each worked as assistants under Andy Reid.

Billy Davis
(Eagles defensive coordinator)

Davis was defended vigorously by former head coach Chip Kelly. But with Kelly gone and looking at the results from Philly's anemic defense down the stretch last season, it would be surprising if Jeffrey Lurie chose to retain Davis' services.

Jim Schwartz
(Bills defensive coordinator in 2015, Lions head coach, 2009-2013)

The Eagles, according to SI.com's Don Banks and FoxSports.com's Peter Schrager, are very interested in Schwartz, who took the 2015 season off. He runs the wide-nine scheme and had impressive results in his last three defensive coordinator seasons. He posted defensive stats good for fifth, seventh, and ninth in the NFL.

Frank Reich
(Chargers offensive coordinator)

Prior to being fired by the Chargers, Reich served as an NFL head coach continuously since 2008. According to the Daily News' Hayes, he is Pederson's top choice to be his offensive coordinator.

Brad Childress
(Chiefs spread game analyst, Vikings head coach, 2006-2010)

Eagles fans know Childress from his days as the Birds' offensive coordinator under Reid. He is currently serving as an assistant for the Chiefs, and recently was the Vikings head coach. He is a viable candidate for the position.

Pat Shurmur
(Giants offensive coordinator)

Shurmur was a legitimate candidate to replace Kelly as head coach and could return under Pederson. He has familiarity with the Eagles offensive personnel and, having coached Sam Bradford in both Philly and St. Louis, could be a key cog in convincing Bradford to remain with the Eagles.

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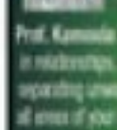

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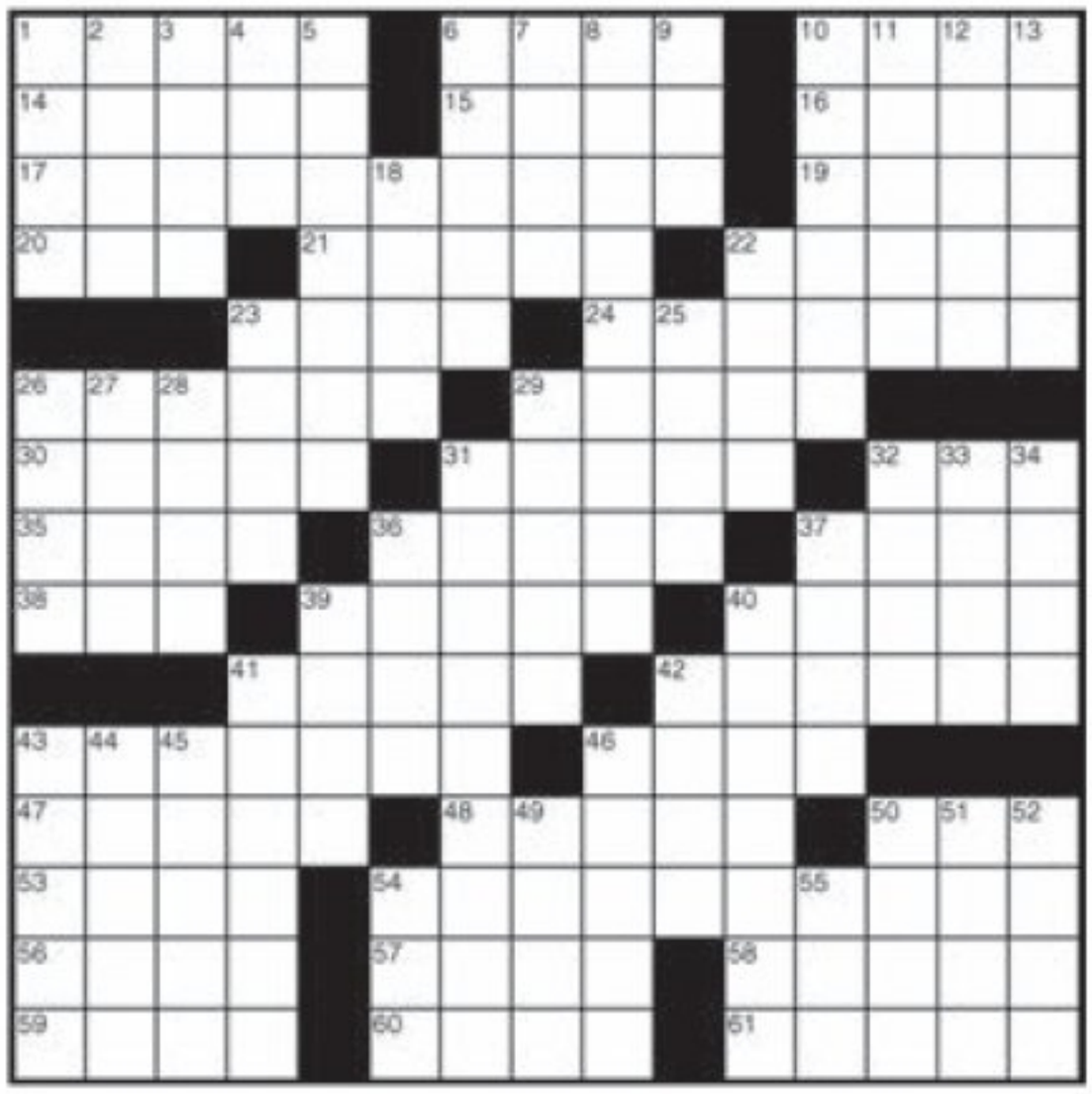

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Aries Focus inward and avoid causing problems with others. Try your best to make changes that will ease your stress and make your life easier. Romance will improve your personal life.

Taurus Think out loud and discuss your intentions to make your goals more apparent. Travel and information gathering will contribute to a decision that will expand your options.

Gemini A plan you've been contemplating will bring about a positive personal change. Explore new ways to use old ideas, but be realistic and stick to a strict budget.

Cancer A creative idea has the potential to become a moneymaker. Altering your living space will be conducive to developing your plan. Ask for help to complete your project.

Leo Problems will escalate into disagreements if you aren't careful. Don't say something you'll regret. Take a time-out to work on your own problems.

Virgo The sky is the limit if you concentrate on what you are trying to achieve. Don't let a personal matter stand between you and success. It's important to follow your heart.

Libra You'll face opposition. Before you fold under pressure, consider a different approach. Friendly persuasion or reverse psychology will help you get your way. Romance is encouraged.

Scorpio You'll be ready to take action. If you are observant and proactive, you will reach your destination. A window of opportunity will open up for you if you are relentless in your pursuits.

Sagittarius Confusion will set in if you listen to too many people. You'll be given false information and face tough decisions if you aren't discreet about your personal business.

Capricorn Collaborate with peers and friends, and do your best to make a difference. Your strong opinions will persuade others to see things your way.

Aquarius Keep an open mind in order to avoid an argument. Listen carefully to prevent a misunderstanding. Keep your emotions under control, but be ready to make a change if necessary.

Pisces Helping others will boost your reputation. You have plenty to gain if you take advantage of an offer that comes your way.

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All rock bands
All synonyms of 'close'
All desserts
All bicycle parts
All words with only one vowel
All words that contain 'HAM'
All golf terms

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Green	Fudge	Queen
Shut	Shampoo	Seat
Spoke	Nearby	Shame
Month	Kiwi	Fantail
Cream	Bell	Branch
Shrewd	Tee	Ice Cream
Waterfall	Meringue	Genesis
Crane		Driver

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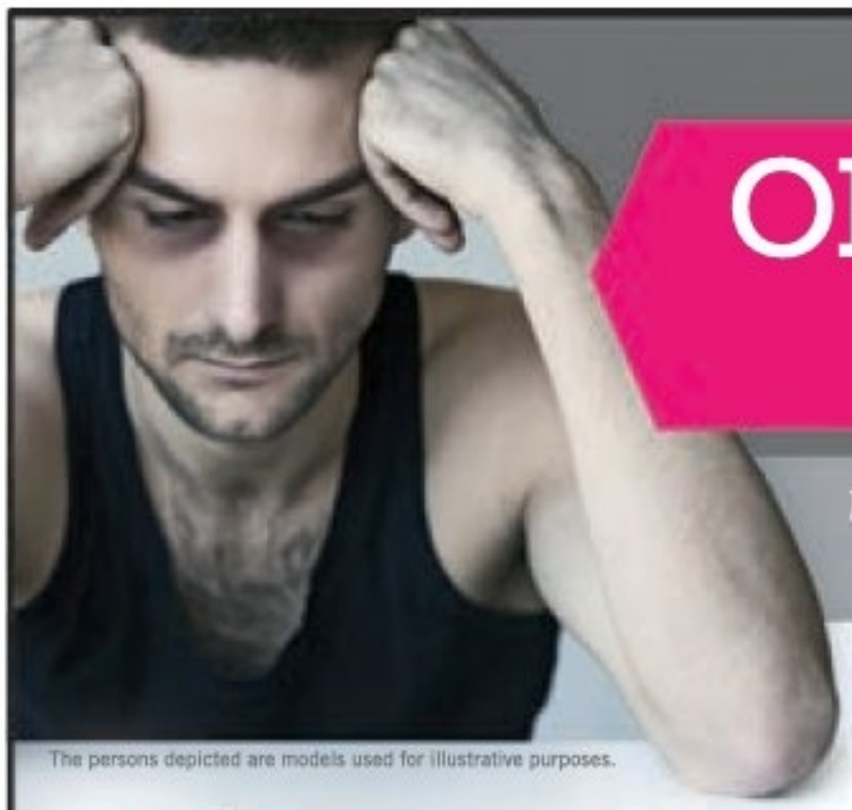

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